

Kale Powell MTXE Memorial Scholarship

2017

This scholarship is open to all residents of the Guthrie Public School District that are attending (or will be attending the following school year) any College or Trade School.

This is NOT an academic based scholarship.

This scholarship is based on life experiences; it is for the student who has overcome hardships, whether that is injuries, a medical diagnosis, or life's hard knocks.

Kale Powell

1-9-1988 to 7-6-2006

Kale Wayne Hennigh Powell was a Bluejay with Mental Toughness that knew how to give that Xtra Effort from the bottom of his soul. Kale was 16 ½ years old on September 17th, 2004 when he was quarterbacking the homecoming football game at GHS that forever changed his life and many others.

Kale was doing what he loved, playing Bluejay football, throwing the ball, when a broken collarbone sent him to the emergency room. He literally went from the "The Rock" to the Children's Cancer Ward in the same night. That broken bone x-ray found a mass in his chest that was diagnosed as Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a blood cancer.

He held his head up and started treatment. After months of chemotherapy and radiation, they thought they had defeated it, only to be re-diagnosed the following May. Kale endured an auto bone marrow transplant after more months of hard treatment, getting out of the hospital in time to start his first day of his Senior year at GHS. Once again, thinking they had got all the cancer. Kale was able to enjoy his Sr homecoming, not from the playing field but the sidelines with his Bluejay football buddies and fans alike. He was re-diagnosed for the 3rd time in October of 2005. This time everything was different, more aggressive disease, more aggressive treatment, a donor bone marrow transplant, was his next step.

Kale insisted that treatment and transplant be scheduled around graduation. He entered the hospital 4 days after graduating in May of 2006. He died July 6, 2006.

Quoting his best friend "Kale never complained or blamed anyone. He faced each day with a smile, but never took life for granted. Kale said to Live for the moment, not tomorrow or next week. Live for this very moment." Kale never used the "why me", actually he wrote at one time that he realized "why not me?"

Kale's intense eyes, huge smile, and never give up attitude will forever be remembered and missed by those who knew and loved him.

